

## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS  
RICHMOND, VA. 23219

December 1, 1967

Route 123, Fairfax County  
Proposed Solution to Traffic  
Congestion West of CIA  
Traffic Circle

Colonel L. K. White  
Executive Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Colonel White:

When you visited Mr. Fugate on November 1 to discuss problems of mutual interest and concern regarding access to the CIA Headquarters, one item of discussion was the congestion at the main entrance. It was your suggestion that in the absence of our ability to construct an interchange at this point, consideration should be given to rerouting a portion of the traffic over Old Route 123 and Route 193 to a proposed new entrance to be constructed by the Central Intelligence Agency.

We have had our Traffic and Planning Division investigate this suggestion and it has been found that considering the fact that Old Route 123 is abutted by numerous residencies, plus the fact that the estimated travel time over this somewhat circuitous route would not result in any saving of time, this does not seem to be a proper solution to the problem.

We have also reviewed several other possibilities. The scheme that offers the best relief is to widen the pavement and install new signalization at the existing entrance. This work will consist of widening the turning lane, both from the north and the south, to provide a continuous right-turn movement. We will have our engineers contact you or your representative to explain our proposal in some detail. We realize of course that this is not a completely satisfactory solution to the problem but do believe that it will afford considerable relief.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. E. Harwood, Deputy Commissioner  
and Chief Engineer

Cy. - Mr. Douglas B. Fugate

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1. In order to widen the road at the end of Chain Bridge, it is necessary to move an existing retaining wall back onto the private property of Mr. Trowbridge and relocate his driveway. (This driveway intersects Route 123 close to the junction of Route 120 and Route 123.)

2. At a meeting in Richmond, Virginia, Colonel White and  were informed by the Commissioner of Highways, Mr. Fugate, that it might be possible to relocate the private driveway considerably further up Route 123 away from Route 120. This would require the driveway to cross other private property before it terminates at Route 123.

3. At the Monday, 11 December 1967, meeting with representatives of the Virginia Department of Highways, it is planned to explore the possibility of relocating Mr. Trowbridge's driveway. It is hoped that we can arrange for a Department of Highways representative to accompany the ~~Approved For Release 2003/05/05 : CIA-RDP84-00780R002000180045-4~~ representatives to inspect the site and discuss the matter further with Mr. Trowbridge.

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The County of Fairfax has requested the Agency to cooperate closely with the Virginia Department of Highways and suggested "that the possibility of an additional entrance through the Bureau of Public Roads' property might be feasible and might help solve the problem." (of traffic congestion at the Route 123 entrance).

This suggestion was discussed with Virginia Department of Highways personnel in Richmond by Colonel White. They agreed to make a study and have since indicated that they feel strongly, for a number of reasons, that the Fairfax County suggestion would not result in a satisfactory solution to the traffic problem.

The Virginia Department of Highways has proposed the following two items of work to alleviate the congestion of traffic at the Route 123 entrance to the Headquarters Building:

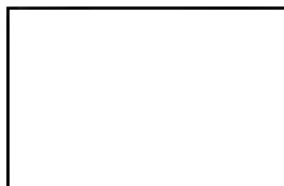
a. Widen the Westbound Lane Making a Right Turn from Route 123: This will require construction of a six foot wide strip around the existing curved portion of the entry. It is estimated to cost \$1,000 for that part of the widening on State Highway property, and \$500 for the part on Government property.

b. Modify the traffic lights in the Westbound Lane: This work will include (1) moving the two traffic light poles approximately 5 feet away from the lanes adjacent to them; (2) adding a right turn green arrow signal; and (3) change in signalization of the existing lights to permit more time for the turning circle (eastbound traffic) to proceed to the entry road. This work is estimated to cost \$4,000.

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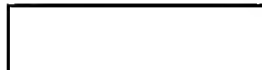
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